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SYSTEM AND PROGRAM

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2007, please enter the
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this
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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.